

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Huizenga called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, Leland (17/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. David Law and McConico (2/19)

Representative Meisner, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 2, 2006. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 6034** and **6035** before the committee.

HB 6034	Huizenga	Economic development; Michigan economic growth authority; definition of qualified high-technology business; revise to include "or facility".
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HB 6035	Baxter	Economic development; Michigan economic growth authority; definition of full-time job; revise.
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Charlie Pryde, representing Ford Motor Company, testified in **support** of the bills.

Al Ver*, representing Ford Motor Company and Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, testified in **support** of **House Bill 6035** and answered questions.

Jim Boerger, representing Ford Motor Company, testified in **support** of **House Bill 6034** and answered questions.

James McBryde and **Mark Morante**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Jared Rodriguez, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

*submitted written testimony

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak

Joe Sproles, representing General Motors, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Don Van Singel, representing Daimler Chrysler, submitted a testimony card in **support** of **House Bill 6034**, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Marleau, supported by **Representative Meisner**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 6035**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, Leland (16/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** announced the committee would go at ease, the time being **11:22 a.m.**

Chair Huizenga called the committee to order, the time being **11:25 a.m.**

The **Chair** returned to **House Bill 6035**.

Representative Marleau, supported by **Representative Jones**, moved to report **House Bill 6035**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, Leland (17/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** returned to **House Bill 6034**.

Representative Hildenbrand, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to report **House Bill 6034**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Wenke, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti, Leland (17/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Meisner, supported by **Representative Pavlov**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, the **Chair** excused **Representatives David Law** and **McConico**.

The **Chair** gave the committee members a copy of an article from *The Grand Rapids Press* entitled “MEDC Chief Wants Asian Jobs in Michigan” and a copy of a letter from him to James Epolito, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, written in response to quotes from the article.

There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chair Huizenga** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **11:33 a.m.**

Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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